

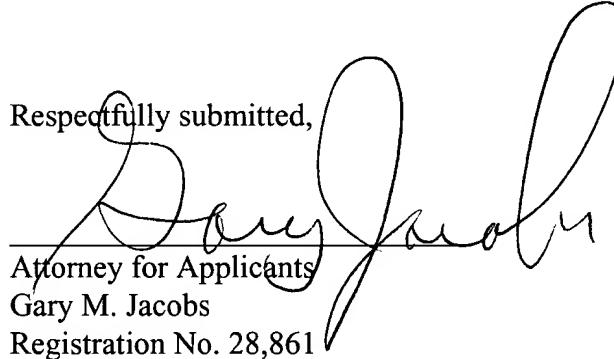
Remarks

Claims 4, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 25 have been amended to improve their form. Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 14, and 18 are independent.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objection and rejection in view of the amendments and remarks made in the March 3, 2003 Amendment.

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